



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR MAHAN

FROM: Vice Mayor Kamei

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: 5/23/23

Approved

Date: 5/25/23

RECOMMENDATION

Modify the City Manager's 2023-2024 Proposed Budget to incorporate the following budget proposal, including any required funding allocation adjustments.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Urban Forestry Trimming Project

Amount of City Funding Required: \$117,000

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable): 26

Proposal Description, including the reason for the need and anticipated outcomes (Please describe how the proposal will affect services for San José residents, community groups, businesses, etc.):

The City of San José has adopted a Community Forest Management Plan that outlines various strategies and goals for restoring our city’s tree canopy. The West San José Multimodal Transportation Improvement Plan (WS-MTIP) goes further to recommend the planting of street trees, and investments in tree maintenance. Currently, the City provides limited support to residents to trim the trees that are in the public right-of-way. As a result, many trees across the city remain untrimmed, with some blocking city lights, and others presenting increasing hazardous due to their risk of falling. The previous year’s inclement weather clearly demonstrated this risk. The tree canopy blocking the lights adds additional visibility concerns where community safety is compromised due to the dark conditions along the pedestrian walkway.

To follow through on the intents outlined in the WS-MTIP, we are proposing the creation of a program to provide grants for District One residents to trim their trees that are in the public right of way. This program will be particularly focused within the Project Hope area, which is an innovative neighborhood engagement and empowerment program that aims to improve the quality of life in District One by promoting creation of neighborhood associations in underserved areas stressed by

crime, blight, and violence. By investing this opportunity in Project Hope, we address equity issues for underserved communities that have extremely limited resources. The program will be administered in partnership between DOT and the District One office. District One staff will intake the applications and select grant awardees. The program goal is to award approximately one hundred grants.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve:

Other (Please specify program/project/fund):

Department or Organization Contact

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